

# ALABAMA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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**41,800 jobs and 44,700 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Alabama since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 41,800 in Alabama. Today, 114,879 are looking for work in Alabama. [BLS, 6/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,394 in Alabama over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Alabama, 354 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 32 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**564,000 are uninsured in Alabama.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 564,000 in Alabama, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 1,167,000 in Alabama were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Alabama's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 65 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 29 percent in Alabama's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Alabama's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$852 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 37 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Alabama. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.86. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.50 per gallon – a 37 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

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**Jobs being created in Alaska pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Alaska pay \$22,451 less than the jobs recently lost in that state. [EPI, 1/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,439 nationally over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Alaska, 7,805 people declared bankruptcy during 2003 – a 9 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**2,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Alaska since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 119,000 in Alaska, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 208,000 in Alaska were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

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**Cost of a college education increased by 36 percent in Alaska's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Alaska's region, tuition for a four year public college education increased by \$990 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 28 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Alaska. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.12. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.46 per gallon – a 28 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

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**Jobs being created in Arizona pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 38,700 manufacturing jobs lost in Arizona. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Arizona pay \$13,478 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is an eight percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,439 over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Arizona, 5,979 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 53 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**47,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Arizona since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 916,000 in Arizona, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 1,707,000 in Arizona were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Arizona's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 40 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 36 percent in Arizona's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Arizona's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$990 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 41 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Arizona. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.07. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.60 per gallon – a 41 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

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**Jobs being created in Arkansas pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 8,100 jobs lost and 32,000 manufacturing jobs lost in Arkansas. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Arkansas pay \$4,613 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 5 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,439 in Arkansas over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Arkansas, 406,313 people declared bankruptcy during 2003 – a 46 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**61,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Arkansas since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 440,000 in Arkansas, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 801,000 in Arkansas were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Arkansas's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 65 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 28 percent in Arkansas's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Arkansas's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$831 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 34 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Arkansas. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.86. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.47 per gallon – a 34 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# CALIFORNIA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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**Jobs being created in California pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 192,100 jobs lost and 345,100 manufacturing jobs lost in California. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in California pay \$23,058 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 13 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$259 in California over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in California, 6,178 people declared bankruptcy during 2003. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**99,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in California since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 6,398,000 in California, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 11,945,000 in California were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In California's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 40 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 36 percent in California's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In California's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$990 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 62 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in California. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.31. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.88 per gallon – a 62 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

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**Jobs being created in Colorado pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 79,300 jobs lost and 33,700 manufacturing jobs lost in Colorado. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Colorado pay \$17,691 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 3 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,943 in Colorado over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Colorado, 3,030 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 63 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**100,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Colorado since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 720,000 in Colorado, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 1,309,000 in Colorado were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Colorado's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 40 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 36 percent in Colorado's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Colorado's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$990 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 34 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Colorado. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.95. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.50 per gallon – a 34 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

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**Jobs being created in Connecticut pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 49,900 jobs lost and 39,700 manufacturing jobs lost in Connecticut. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Connecticut pay \$17,836 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 17 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,439 nationally over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Connecticut, 856 people declared bankruptcy during 2003– a 11 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**26,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Connecticut since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 356,000 in Connecticut, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 767,000 in Connecticut were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Connecticut's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 52 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 27 percent in Connecticut's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Connecticut's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,287 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 42 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Connecticut. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.14. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.63 per gallon – a 42 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

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**Jobs being created in Delaware pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 700 jobs lost and 1,400 manufacturing jobs lost in Delaware. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Delaware pay \$20,308 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 3 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,435 in Delaware over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Delaware, 23,418 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 23 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**7,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Delaware since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 79,000 in Delaware, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 185,000 in Delaware were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

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**Cost of a college education increased by 36 percent in Delaware's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Delaware's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,664 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 40 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Delaware. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.02. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.58 per gallon – a 40 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]



# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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**Jobs being created in the District of Columbia pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 1,000 manufacturing jobs lost in the District of Columbia. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in the District pay \$21,202 less than the jobs recently lost there. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,941 in the District of Columbia over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03]

**74,000 are uninsured in the District of Columbia.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 74,000 in District of Columbia, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 163,000 in District of Columbia were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In District of Columbia's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 65 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 36 percent in District of Columbia's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In District of Columbia's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,664 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 53 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in District of Columbia. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.08. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.72 per gallon – a 53 percent increase. [www.fuelgaugereport.com]

# FLORIDA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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**Jobs being created in Florida pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.**

Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 59,300 manufacturing jobs lost in Florida. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Florida pay \$5,374 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 10 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$2,109 in Florida over the first two years of the Bush Administration.**

Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Florida, 19,633 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 29 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**0 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Florida since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 93,000 in Florida, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 4,793,000 in Florida were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Florida's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 65 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 29 percent in Florida's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Florida's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$852 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 53 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Florida. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.99. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.69 per gallon – a 53 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# GEORGIA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Georgia pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 101,900 jobs lost and 66,300 manufacturing jobs lost in Georgia. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Georgia pay \$10,063 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 1 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$54 in Georgia over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Georgia, 406,313 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 36 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**188,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Georgia since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 1,354,000 in Georgia, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 2,499,000 in Georgia were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Georgia's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 65 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 29 percent in Georgia's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Georgia's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$852 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 50 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Georgia. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.82. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.61 per gallon – a 50 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# HAWAII WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Hawaii pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 1,300 manufacturing jobs lost in Hawaii. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Hawaii pay \$2,229 less than the jobs recently lost in that state. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$3,178 in Hawaii over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Hawaii, 2,346 people declared bankruptcy during 2003. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**10,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Hawaii since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 123,000 in Hawaii, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 346,000 in Hawaii were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 36 percent in Hawaii's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Hawaii's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$990 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 34 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Hawaii. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.34. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.60 per gallon – a 34 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# IDAHO WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Idaho pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, with 9,300 manufacturing jobs lost in Idaho. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Idaho pay \$4,595 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 4 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$672 in Idaho over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Idaho, 21,433 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 37 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**34,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Idaho since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 233,000 in Idaho, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 395,000 in Idaho were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Idaho's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 40 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 36 percent in Idaho's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Idaho's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$990 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 41 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Idaho. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.05. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.60 per gallon – a 41 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# ILLINOIS WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Illinois pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 226,100 jobs lost and 141,300 manufacturing jobs lost in Illinois. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Illinois pay \$15,654 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 17 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$4,241 in Illinois over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Illinois, 13,739 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 42 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**63,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Illinois since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 1,767,000 in Illinois, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 3,492,000 in Illinois were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Illinois's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 25 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 38 percent in Illinois's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Illinois's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,515 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 33 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Illinois. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.96. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.49 per gallon – a 33 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# INDIANA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Indiana pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 40,400 jobs lost and 69,800 manufacturing jobs lost in Indiana. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Indiana pay \$10,373 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 18 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$2,337 in Indiana over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Indiana, 3,063 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 52 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**123,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Indiana since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 797,000 in Indiana, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 1,534,000 in Indiana were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Indiana's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 25 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 38 percent in Indiana's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Indiana's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,515 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 31 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Indiana. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.84. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.44 per gallon – a 31 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# IOWA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Iowa pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.**

Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 31,000 jobs lost and 26,500 manufacturing jobs lost in Iowa. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Iowa pay \$6,858 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 18 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$2,239 in Iowa over the first two years of the Bush Administration.**

Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Iowa, 3,968 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 53 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**24,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Iowa since the beginning of the Bush Administration.**

With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 277,000 in Iowa, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 637,000 in Iowa were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Iowa's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 25 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 38 percent in Iowa's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.**

At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Iowa's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,515 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 30 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Iowa. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.86. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.43 per gallon – a 30 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]



# KANSAS WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Kansas pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 22,100 jobs lost and 27,600 manufacturing jobs lost in Kansas. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Kansas pay \$10,901 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 13 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,439 nationally over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Kansas, 7,310 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 40 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**280,000 are uninsured in Kansas.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 280,000 in Kansas, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 624,000 in Kansas were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Kansas's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 25 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 38 percent in Kansas's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Kansas's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,515 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 37 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Kansas. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.88. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.51 per gallon – a 37 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# KENTUCKY WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Kentucky pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 31,100 jobs lost and 38,200 manufacturing jobs lost in Kentucky. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Kentucky pay \$8,336 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 21 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,439 nationally over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Kentucky, 7,162 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 42 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**3,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Kentucky since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 548,000 in Kentucky, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 1,059,000 in Kentucky were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Kentucky's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 65 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 29 percent in Kentucky's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Kentucky's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$852 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 29 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Kentucky. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.81. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.41 per gallon – a 29 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# LOUISIANA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Louisiana pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 9,500 jobs lost and 21,800 manufacturing jobs lost in Louisiana. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Louisiana pay \$13,142 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 4 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,439 nationally over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Louisiana, 1,123 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 29 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**31,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Louisiana since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 820,000 in Louisiana, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 1,426,000 in Louisiana were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Louisiana's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 65 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 29 percent in Louisiana's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Louisiana's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$852 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 37 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Louisiana. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.88. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.51 per gallon – a 37 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# MAINE WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Maine pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 17,500 manufacturing jobs lost in Maine. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Maine pay \$9,401 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 18 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$3,402 in Maine over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Maine, 8,592 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 16 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**6,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Maine since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 144,000 in Maine, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 290,000 in Maine were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Maine's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 52 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 27 percent in Maine's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Maine's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,287 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 35 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Maine. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.00. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.52 per gallon – a 35 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# MARYLAND WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Maryland pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 27,400 manufacturing jobs lost in Maryland. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Maryland pay \$15,473 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 16 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,248 in Maryland over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Maryland, 4,442 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 14 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**183,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Maryland since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 730,000 in Maryland, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 1,354,000 in Maryland were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Maryland's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 65 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 36 percent in Maryland's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Maryland's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,664 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 40 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Maryland. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.00. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.57 per gallon – a 40 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# MASSACHUSETTS WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Massachusetts pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 198,800 jobs lost and 85,300 manufacturing jobs lost in Massachusetts. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Massachusetts pay \$24,119 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 18 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,439 nationally over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Massachusetts, 15,384 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 13 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**95,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Massachusetts since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 644,000 in Massachusetts, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 1,443,000 in Massachusetts were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Massachusetts's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 52 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 27 percent in Massachusetts's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Massachusetts's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,287 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 37 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Massachusetts. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.06. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.56 per gallon – a 37 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# MICHIGAN WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Michigan pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 211,400 jobs lost and 145,200 manufacturing jobs lost in Michigan. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Michigan pay \$12,920 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 14 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$4,391 in Michigan over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Michigan, 4,781 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 71 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**257,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Michigan since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 1,158,000 in Michigan, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 2,538,000 in Michigan were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Michigan's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 25 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 38 percent in Michigan's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Michigan's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,515 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 35 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Michigan. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.91. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.49 per gallon – a 35 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# MINNESOTA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Minnesota pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 14,900 jobs lost and 42,300 manufacturing jobs lost in Minnesota. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Minnesota pay \$12,355 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 16 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,439 nationally over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Minnesota, 5,639 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 39 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**397,000 are uninsured in Minnesota.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 397,000 in Minnesota, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 1,020,000 in Minnesota were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Minnesota's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 25 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 38 percent in Minnesota's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Minnesota's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,515 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 15 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Minnesota. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.81. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.24 per gallon – a 15 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]



# MISSISSIPPI WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Mississippi pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 17,000 jobs lost and 31,700 manufacturing jobs lost in Mississippi. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Mississippi pay \$3,874 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 12 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$4,671 in Mississippi over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Mississippi, 9,401 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 25 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**85,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Mississippi since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 465,000 in Mississippi, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 875,000 in Mississippi were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Mississippi's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 65 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 29 percent in Mississippi's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Mississippi's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$852 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 34 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Mississippi. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.88. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.48 per gallon – a 34 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# MISSOURI WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Missouri pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 32,800 manufacturing jobs lost in Missouri. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Missouri pay \$10,164 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 18 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$3,489 in Missouri over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Missouri, 1,060 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 47 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**122,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Missouri since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 656,000 in Missouri, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 1,354,000 in Missouri were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Missouri's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 25 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 38 percent in Missouri's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Missouri's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,515 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 29 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Missouri. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.78. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.40 per gallon – a 29 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# MONTANA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Montana pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 3,000 manufacturing jobs lost in Montana. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Montana pay \$9,303 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 16 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$125 in Montana over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Montana, 2,078 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 32 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**139,000 are uninsured in Montana** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 139,000 in Montana, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 246,000 in Montana were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Montana's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 40 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 36 percent in Montana's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Montana's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$990 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 33 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Montana. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.00. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.50 per gallon – a 33 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# NEBRASKA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Nebraska pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 6,300 jobs lost and 12,300 manufacturing jobs lost in Nebraska. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. There is a 11 percent drop in the number of new jobs offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,439 nationally over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Nebraska, 5,083 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 53 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**20,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Nebraska since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 174,000 in Nebraska, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 400,000 in Nebraska were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Nebraska's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 25 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 38 percent in Nebraska's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Nebraska's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,515 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 32 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Nebraska. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.92. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.46 per gallon – a 32 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# NEVADA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$721 in Nevada over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Nevada, 1,050 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 47 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**74,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Nevada since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 418,000 in Nevada, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 700,000 in Nevada were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Nevada's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 40 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 36 percent in Nevada's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Nevada's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$990 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 42 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Nevada. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.21. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.65 per gallon – a 42 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# NEW HAMPSHIRE WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in New Hampshire pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 9,500 jobs lost and 25,600 manufacturing jobs lost in New Hampshire. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in New Hampshire pay \$16,191 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 12 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,439 nationally over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in New Hampshire, 10,548 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 21 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**22,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in New Hampshire since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 125,000 in New Hampshire, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 259,000 in New Hampshire were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In New Hampshire's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 52 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 27 percent in New Hampshire's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In New Hampshire's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,287 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 37 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in New Hampshire. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.01. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.54 per gallon – a 37 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# NEW JERSEY WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in New Jersey pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 70,500 manufacturing jobs lost in New Jersey. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in New Jersey pay \$21,551 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 11 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,439 nationally over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in New Jersey, 2,285 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 13 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**176,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in New Jersey since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 1,197,000 in New Jersey, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 2,199,000 in New Jersey were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In New Jersey's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 52 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 36 percent in New Jersey's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In New Jersey's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,664 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 48 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in New Jersey. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.00. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.65 per gallon – a 48 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# NEW MEXICO WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in New Mexico pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 6,300 manufacturing jobs lost in New Mexico. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in New Mexico pay \$8,338 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 3 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,345 in New Mexico over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in New Mexico, 18,452 people declared bankruptcy during 2003– a 43 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**388,000 are uninsured in New Mexico.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 388,000 in New Mexico, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 685,000 in New Mexico were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In New Mexico's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 40 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 28 percent in New Mexico's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In New Mexico's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$831 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 35 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in New Mexico. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.92. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.50 per gallon – a 35 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]



# NEW YORK WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in New York pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 227,300 jobs lost and 144,000 manufacturing jobs lost in New York. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in New York pay \$20,456 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 9 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$475 in New York over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in New York, 9,569 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 27 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**3 million are uninsured in New York.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 3,042,000 in New York, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 5,646,000 in New York were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In New York's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 52 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 36 percent in New York's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In New York's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,664 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 52 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in New York. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.17. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.74 per gallon – a 52 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# NORTH CAROLINA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in North Carolina pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 94,100 jobs lost and 162,400 manufacturing jobs lost in North Carolina. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in North Carolina pay \$4,115 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 10 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$2,465 in North Carolina over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in North Carolina, 541 people declared bankruptcy during 2003– a 49 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**284,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in North Carolina since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 1,368,000 in North Carolina, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 2,439,000 in North Carolina were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In North Carolina's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 65 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 29 percent in North Carolina's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In North Carolina's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$852 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 42 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in North Carolina. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.00. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.59 per gallon – a 42 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# **NORTH DAKOTA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY**

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in North Dakota pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in North Dakota pay \$6,810 less than the jobs recently lost in that state. [EPI, 1/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$137 in North Dakota over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in North Dakota, 21,593 people declared bankruptcy during 2003– a 8 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**69,000 are uninsured in North Dakota.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 69,000 in North Dakota, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 144,000 in North Dakota were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In North Dakota's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 25 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 38 percent in North Dakota's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In North Dakota's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,515 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 26 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in North Dakota. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.95. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.40 per gallon – a 26 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# OHIO WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Ohio pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.**

Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 231,500 jobs lost and 173,300 manufacturing jobs lost in Ohio. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Ohio pay \$11,869 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 17 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,171 in Ohio over the first two years of the Bush Administration.**

Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Ohio, 6,521 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 76 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**96,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Ohio since the beginning of the Bush Administration.**

With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 1,344,000 in Ohio, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 2,755,000 in Ohio were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Ohio's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 25 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 38 percent in Ohio's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.**

At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Ohio's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,515 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 89 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Ohio. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.80. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$1.32 per gallon – a 89 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# OKLAHOMA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Oklahoma pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 39,000 jobs lost and 31,700 manufacturing jobs lost in Oklahoma. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Oklahoma pay \$10,658 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 8 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,439 nationally over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Oklahoma, 6,001 people declared bankruptcy during 2003– a 61 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**601,000 are uninsured in Oklahoma.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 601,000 in Oklahoma, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 1,066,000 in Oklahoma were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Oklahoma's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 65 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 28 percent in Oklahoma's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Oklahoma's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$831 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 37 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Oklahoma. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.79. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.48 per gallon – a 37 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# OREGON WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Oregon pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 18,400 jobs lost and 24,100 manufacturing jobs lost in Oregon. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Oregon pay \$11,027 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 13 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$2,240 in Oregon over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Oregon, 14,328 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 49 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**78,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Oregon since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 511,000 in Oregon, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 968,000 in Oregon were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Oregon's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 40 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 36 percent in Oregon's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Oregon's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$990 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 49 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Oregon. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.20. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.72 per gallon – a 49 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# PENNSYLVANIA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Pennsylvania pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 73,200 jobs lost and 157,800 manufacturing jobs lost in Pennsylvania. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Pennsylvania pay \$9,120 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 15 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,439 nationally over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Pennsylvania, 406,313 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 34 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**333,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Pennsylvania since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 1,380,000 in Pennsylvania, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 2,804,000 in Pennsylvania were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Pennsylvania's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 52 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 36 percent in Pennsylvania's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Pennsylvania's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,664 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 37 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Pennsylvania. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.96. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.53 per gallon – a 37 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# RHODE ISLAND WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Rhode Island pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 13,100 manufacturing jobs lost in Rhode Island. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Rhode Island pay \$13,368 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 24 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$648 in Rhode Island over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Rhode Island, 4,057 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 1 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**27,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Rhode Island since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 104,000 in Rhode Island, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 249,000 in Rhode Island were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Rhode Island's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 52 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 27 percent in Rhode Island's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Rhode Island's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,287 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 38 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Rhode Island. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.10. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.58 per gallon – a 38 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]



# **SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY**

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in South Carolina pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 55,900 manufacturing jobs lost in South Carolina. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in South Carolina pay \$5,974 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 17 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,216 in South Carolina over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in South Carolina, 686 people declared bankruptcy during 2003– a 40 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**20,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in South Carolina since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 500,000 in South Carolina, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 1,055,000 in South Carolina were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In South Carolina's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 65 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 29 percent in South Carolina's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In South Carolina's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$852 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 40 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in South Carolina. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.84. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.53 per gallon – a 40 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# **SOUTH DAKOTA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY**

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in South Dakota pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 4,300 manufacturing jobs lost in South Dakota. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in South Dakota pay \$7,801 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 10 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,439 nationally over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in South Dakota, 16,336 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 39 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**4,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in South Dakota since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 85,000 in South Dakota, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 180,000 in South Dakota were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In South Dakota's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 25 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 38 percent in South Dakota's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In South Dakota's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,515 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 27 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in South Dakota. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.90. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.40 per gallon – a 27 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# TENNESSEE WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Tennessee pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 32,700 jobs lost and 59,400 manufacturing jobs lost in Tennessee. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Tennessee pay \$5,037 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 15 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$817 in Tennessee over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Tennessee, 21,569 people declared bankruptcy during 2003– a 49 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**614,000 are uninsured in Tennessee.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 614,000 in Tennessee, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 1,447,000 in Tennessee were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Tennessee's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 65 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 29 percent in Tennessee's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Tennessee's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$852 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 38 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Tennessee. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.86. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.51 per gallon – a 38 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# TEXAS WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Texas pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.**

Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 91,600 jobs lost and 173,500 manufacturing jobs lost in Texas. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Texas pay \$17,088 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 5 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$204 in Texas over the first two years of the Bush Administration.**

Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Texas, 5,487 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 45 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**808,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Texas since the beginning of the Bush Administration.**

With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 5,556,000 in Texas, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 8,536,000 in Texas were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Texas's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 65 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 28 percent in Texas's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.**

At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Texas's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$831 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 39 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.**

In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Texas. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.85. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.52 per gallon – a 39 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# UTAH WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Utah pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.**

Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 12,900 manufacturing jobs lost in Utah. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Utah pay \$6,109 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 6 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,696 in Utah over the first two years of the Bush Administration.**

Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Utah, 459 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 54 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**29,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Utah since the beginning of the Bush Administration.**

With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 310,000 in Utah, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 651,000 in Utah were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Utah's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 40 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 36 percent in Utah's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Utah's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$990 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 49 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Utah. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.99. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.65 per gallon – a 49 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# VERMONT WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Vermont pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 2,300 jobs lost and 10,100 manufacturing jobs lost in Vermont. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Vermont pay \$11,906 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 12 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$889 in Vermont over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Vermont, 10,721 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 28 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**14,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Vermont since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 66,000 in Vermont, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 136,000 in Vermont were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Vermont's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 52 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 27 percent in Vermont's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Vermont's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,287 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 37 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Vermont. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.02. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.55 per gallon – a 37 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# VIRGINIA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Virginia pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 59,700 manufacturing jobs lost in Virginia. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Virginia pay \$16,948 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 18 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,439 nationally over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Virginia, 10,046 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 18 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**148,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Virginia since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 962,000 in Virginia, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 1,836,000 in Virginia were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Virginia's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 65 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 29 percent in Virginia's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Virginia's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$852 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 37 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Virginia. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.88. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.51 per gallon – a 37 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# WASHINGTON WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Washington pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 13,500 jobs lost and 67,600 manufacturing jobs lost in Washington. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Washington pay \$15,513 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 9 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$2,564 in Washington over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Washington, 2,695 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 31 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**58,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Washington since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 850,000 in Washington, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 1,639,000 in Washington were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Washington's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 40 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 36 percent in Washington's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Washington's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$990 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 50 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Washington. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$2.20. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.73 per gallon – a 50 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]



# WEST VIRGINIA WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in West Virginia pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 7,600 jobs lost and 10,800 manufacturing jobs lost in West Virginia. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in West Virginia pay \$11,027 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 11 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$1,412 in West Virginia over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in West Virginia, 6,915 people declared bankruptcy during 2003– a 31 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**5,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in West Virginia since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 255,000 in West Virginia, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 465,000 in West Virginia were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In West Virginia's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 65 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 38 percent in West Virginia's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In West Virginia's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,515 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 40 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in West Virginia. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.94. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.55 per gallon – a 40 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# WISCONSIN WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Wisconsin pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 4,100 jobs lost and 69,800 manufacturing jobs lost in Wisconsin. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Wisconsin pay \$7,210 less than the jobs recently lost in that state, and there is a 24 percent drop in the number offering health insurance. [EPI, 1/04; EPI, 4/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$2,197 in Wisconsin over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Wisconsin, 616 people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 32 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**132,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Wisconsin since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 538,000 in Wisconsin, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 1,253,000 in Wisconsin were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Wisconsin's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 25 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 38 percent in Wisconsin's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Wisconsin's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$1,515 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 30 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Wisconsin. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.99. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.46 per gallon – a 30 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]

# WYOMING WORKERS STRUGGLE IN BAD BUSH ECONOMY

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Republicans are touting the number of jobs created since August of 2003, but they're not telling the whole story. Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. And about 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are in industries that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average. Middle class Americans are being squeezed by Republican policies that have allowed the price of health care, education, and gas to skyrocket and created record deficits. American families are paying the price.

**Over 90 percent of the new jobs created since August of 2003 are service sector jobs that pay an average hourly wage that is less than the national average.** About 1.4 million of the jobs created are service sector jobs with that pay less than the national average – and 203,000 of these jobs are temporary jobs. Approximately 370,000 of these jobs were in low-paying domestic industries, such as wait staff in restaurants and bars and retail workers.

**Jobs being created in Wyoming pay less than jobs being lost, and are less likely to have health benefits.** Nationwide, almost two million jobs have been lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 1,000 manufacturing jobs lost in Wyoming. Over the past two years, industries that are gaining jobs pay 21 percent less annually than those industries that are losing jobs. These jobs are also less likely to offer health insurance or other benefits. The new jobs being created in Wyoming pay \$16,658 less than the jobs recently lost in that state. [EPI, 1/04]

**Household income has decreased by \$732 in Wyoming over the first two years of the Bush Administration.** Today, Americans are working harder for less in wages — for the first time in years, the increase in our weekly earnings is unable to keep up with inflation. [Census, 9/03] And in Wyoming, people declared bankruptcy during 2003— a 26 percent increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**10,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Wyoming since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** With millions of jobs lost over the past three years, more Americans are losing their employer based health insurance and finding it harder to afford their health care premiums. Today, 43 million Americans have no health insurance, including 86,000 in Wyoming, and millions more are underinsured. In addition, 143,000 in Wyoming were uninsured at some point during the past year. [CPS 2000; CPS 2003; Families USA, 6/04]

**Health insurance premiums are escalating – a new middle class tax increase.** Health care costs increased by 13.9 percent nationwide last year — the third year in a row of double-digit increases and the largest increase since 1990. In Wyoming's region, health insurance premiums have increased by 40 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration. Nationally, the increase in family health insurance premiums over the past three years is triple the amount of the tax cut going to middle income families over four years. [KFF, 2004]

**Cost of a college education increased by 36 percent in Wyoming's region since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** At the same time that Republicans are refusing to increase funding for Pell Grants and Perkins Loans to defray the cost of higher education, the cost of college has increased steadily. In Wyoming's region, tuition for a four year public college education has increased by \$990 over the past three years. [College Board 2003]

**Cost of gas has increased 41 percent since the beginning of the Bush Administration.** In recent months, gasoline prices have increased rapidly in Wyoming. On June 18, 2004, the statewide average price of a gallon of regular was \$1.90. Compared to prices at the beginning of the Bush Administration, this represents an increase of \$0.55 per gallon – a 41 percent increase. [[www.fuelgaugereport.com](http://www.fuelgaugereport.com)]